About the Aukan Maroons ...

The Aukan[1] people of eastern Suriname are made up of 25-30,000 descendants of runaway slaves. Their *afo afo* 'ancestors,' were forcibly brought from West Africa to the New World over 250 years ago and underwent one of the cruelest forms of slavery known in their day.

However, during successive waves of enslavement and transshipment to the Guianas, brave members of their communities fled from the harsh bonds of plantation life to form new communities in the virgin rain forests of eastern Suriname. Such pioneers are called 'Maroons.' Along with several other historically similar Surinamese communities, the Aukan make up one of the few unassimilated maroon[2] societies in the world.

Though the language the Aukan speakers developed is an English-based creole, languages spoken in other parts of the world (as evidenced in the present volume) have had their influences on that development.

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